

REMARKS

In view of the rewriting of and amendments to the claims presented above, Applicant requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objection to Claims 5, 8, and 9 and the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 4, and 7. Claims 1, 6 and 10-17 have been canceled.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of Claim 1 as advised by the Examiner. The rewriting of Claim 5 was made as a matter of form to present therein the actual text of subject matter included in the original Claim 5 by virtue of its dependency from Claim 1. The rewriting of Claim 5 did not surrender subject matter and did not narrow the claim.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of Claims 1 and 6 as advised by the Examiner. The rewriting of Claim 8 was made as a matter of form to present therein the actual text of subject matter included in the original Claim 8 by virtue of its dependency from Claim 6, which depended from Claim 1. The rewriting of Claim 8 did not surrender subject matter and did not narrow the claim. The objection to Claim 9, which depends from Claim 8, has been addressed by the rewriting of Claim 8.

In view of the rewritten Claims 5 and 8, it is requested that the objection to Claims 5, 8, and 9 be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 4, and 7 have been amended to depend from the rewritten Claim 5. Claim 3 remains dependent from amended Claim 2. Because Claims 2, 3, 4, and 7 now include the limitations of rewritten Claim 5, it is requested that the Examiner's rejection of Claims 2, 3, 4, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

The rewriting of and amendments to the claims presented above were made as a matter of form and require no additional searching by the Examiner. Applicant requests that the rewritten and amended claims presented above be entered into the file and submits that Claims 2-5 and 7-9 are now in proper form for allowance. A timely Notice of Allowance for Claims 2-5 and 7-9 is requested.

In anticipation of the allowance of Claims 2-5 and 7-9, amendments to the Specification and Abstract have been made so that the descriptive matter is in harmony with the claims as rewritten and amended (MPEP 1302.01).

Respectfully submitted,

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